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SUBJECT: SAIDA ZEINAB RIOTS

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1. BRIEF CONFIRMATION OF FACT OF DISTURBANCES IN SAIDA ZEINAB SECTION OF CAIRO APPEARED IN JULY 28 GUMHURIYYA, WHICH PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE FROM MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON EVENT. GOMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT ON JULY 24 GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS DEPARTMENT OF SAIDA ZEINAB POLICE STATION ROUNDED UP A NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED IN CRIMES IN THAT SECTION. AMONG THESE WAS A CERTAIN RABI' MOHAMED HAMMUDA, A BUTCHER'S APPRENTICE, WHO WAS RELEASED ON FOLLOWING DAY. ON JULY 26 POLICE WERE INFORMED THAT HAMMUDA WAS IN HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM SCALP WOUNDS, AND THIS INFORMATION WAS FOLLOWED BY REPORT THAT HAMMUDA HAD DIED. MEDICAL INVESTIGATOR WAS IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED TO DETERMINE CAUSES OF DEATH, AND THIS WORTHY REPORTED THATHAMMUDA HAD SUFFERED HEART ATTACK AS A RESULT OF INGESTION OF NARCOTICS. HAMMUDA'S PARENTS BEGAN TO BERATE POLICE FOLLOWING EVENT. AFTER HAMMUDA'S FUNERAL ON JULY 27, SOME OF HAMMUDA'S RELATIVES GATHERED IN FRONT OF SAIDA ZEINAB POLICE STATION AND BEGAN TO INCITE CROWDS. SITUATION ESCALATED TO POINT WHERE ENSUING DISTURBANCE CAUSED INJURY TO SEVERAL POLICE AND PRIVATE CITIZENS.
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INCIDENTS ARE NOW UNDER INVESTIGATION.

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2. COMMENT; RARE PUBLIC EXPLANATION BY MINISTRY OF
INTERIOR MAY HAVE BEEN TO ATTEMPT TO CALM POTENTIALLY
EXPLOSIVE SITUATION WHICH COULD HAVE BEEN MAGNIFIED BY
RAPID SPREAD OF RUMORS. IN ANY CASE, STORY OF SAIDA
ZEINAB APPEARS TO BE WIDELY KNOWN IN CAIRO, ALTHOUGH
VERSIONS WE HAVE HEARD ATTRIBUTE HAMMUDA'S DEATH TO POLICE
BRUTALITY.
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